

## SUBCHAPTER L—OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSELS

### PART 125—GENERAL

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#### § 125.100 Applicability.

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (c) of this section, this subchapter applies to each offshore supply vessel (OSV) of United States flag contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, on or after March 15, 1996.

(b) Each OSV contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, before March 15, 1996, must be constructed and inspected to comply with—

(1) The regulations in effect until March 15, 1996 (46

CFR subchapter I or subchapter T, as appropriate), as they existed at the time of construction; or

(2) The regulations in this subchapter.

(c) Each OSV permitted grandfathering under paragraph (b)(1) of this section must complete construction and have a Certificate of Inspection by March 16, 1998.

(d) Certain regulations in this subchapter apply only to limited categories of OSVs. Specific statements of applicability appear at the beginnings of those regulations.

(e) As used in this subchapter, the term “vessels contracted for” refers not only to the contracting for the construction of a vessel, but also to the contracting for a major alteration to a vessel, the contracting for the conversion of a vessel to an offshore supply vessel or liftboat, and the changing of

service or route of a vessel if such changing increases or modifies the general requirements for the vessel or increases the hazards to which it might be subjected.

NOTE: Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 8-91, “Initial and Subsequent Inspection of Uncertificated Existing Offshore Supply Vessels, Including Liftboats”, contains guidance on how to apply the regulations in 46 CFR subchapters I and T to OSVs.

#### § 125.110 Carriage of flammable or combustible liquid cargoes in bulk.

(a) Except as provided by this section, no OSV may carry flammable or combustible liquid cargoes in bulk without the approval of the Commandant (G-MSE).

(b) An OSV may carry the following in integral tanks:

(1) Grade-D combustible liquids listed by § 30.25-1 of this chapter, in quantities not to exceed 20 percent of the vessel's deadweight, except that the vessel may carry drilling fluids and excess fuel oil, Grade-E as well as Grade-D, without limit.

(2) Grade-E combustible liquids listed by § 30.25-1 of this chapter, in quantities not to exceed 20 percent of the vessel's deadweight, except that the vessel may carry drilling fluids and excess fuel oil, Grade-D as well as Grade-E, without limit.

(c) An OSV may carry the following in fixed independent tanks on deck: Grade-B and lower-grade flammable and combustible liquids listed by § 30.25-1 of this chapter, in quantities not to exceed 20 percent of the vessel's deadweight.

(d) An OSV may carry hazardous materials in portable tanks, in compliance with part 64 and subpart 98.30 of this chapter. A portable tank may be filled or discharged aboard the vessel if authorized by an endorsement on the vessel's Certificate of Inspection.

#### § 125.120 Carriage of noxious liquid substances in bulk.

(a) Except as provided by this section, no OSV may carry a noxious liquid substance (NLS) in bulk without

the approval of the Commandant (G-MSO).

(b) An OSV may carry in integral and fixed independent tanks NLSs listed by § 153.2 of this chapter, in quantities not to exceed 20 percent of the vessel's deadweight.

(c) Each OSV carrying NLSs in bulk in integral tanks or fixed independent tanks must—

(1) Meet the definition of oceangoing in 33 CFR 151.05;

(2) Have a Certificate of Inspection or NLS Certificate (issued by the Coast Guard) endorsed with the name of the NLS cargo; and

(3) Have the Cargo Record Book prescribed in § 153.490(a)(1) of this chapter.

(d) An OSV that does not meet the equipment requirements in §§ 153.470 through 153.491 of this chapter may not discharge NLS residues to the sea. The vessel's Certificate of Inspection or NLS Certificate will contain this restriction.

(e) Each OSV that discharges NLS residues to the sea must meet—

(1) The equipment requirements in §§ 153.470 through 153.491 of this chapter; and

(2) The operating requirements in §§ 153.901, 153.903, 153.909, and 153.1100 of this chapter.

**§ 125.130 Carriage of packaged hazardous materials.**

An OSV may carry packaged hazardous materials, or hazardous materials in portable tanks, if the materials are prepared, loaded, and stowed in compliance with 49 CFR parts 171 through 179, as applicable.

**§ 125.140 Loadlines.**

For an OSV assigned a loadline, see subchapter E (Load Lines) of this chapter, for special requirements on strength, loadline markings, closure of openings, and the like.

**§ 125.150 Lifesaving systems.**

Lifesaving appliances and arrangements must comply with part 133 of this subchapter.

**§ 125.160 Definitions.**

Each term defined elsewhere in this chapter for a particular class of vessel applies to this subchapter unless a dif-

ferent definition is given in this section. As used by this subchapter—

*Accommodations* includes spaces such as at least the following:

- (1) A space used as a messroom.
- (2) A lounge.
- (3) A sitting area.
- (4) A recreation room.
- (5) Quarters.
- (6) A toilet space.
- (7) A shower room.

*Anti-exposure suit* means a protective suit designed for use by rescue boat crews and marine evacuation system parties.

*Approval series* means the first six digits of a number assigned by the Coast Guard to approved equipment. Where approval is based on a subpart of subchapter Q of this chapter, the approval series corresponds to the number of the subpart. A listing of approved equipment, including all of the approval series, is published periodically by the Coast Guard in Equipment Lists (COMDTINST M16714.3 series), available from the Superintendent of Documents.

*Approved* means approved by the Commandant, unless otherwise defined.

*Bulkhead deck* means the uppermost deck to which transverse watertight bulkheads and the watertight shell extend.

*Coast Guard District Commander* or *District Commander* means an officer of the Coast Guard designated by the Commandant to command activities of the Coast Guard within a Coast Guard district described by 33 CFR part 3, whose duties include the inspection, enforcement, and administration of laws for the safety and navigation of vessels. Coastwise refers to a route not more than 20 nautical miles offshore on any of the following waters:

- (1) Any ocean.
- (2) The Gulf of Mexico.
- (3) The Caribbean Sea.
- (4) The Gulf of Alaska.
- (5) The Bering Sea.
- (6) Such other, similar waters as may be designated by the District Commander.

*Combustible liquid* means the same as in subpart 30.10 of this chapter.

*Commandant* means the Commandant of the Coast Guard or an authorized